

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the Notice of Allowance and notice of Allowability mailed July 12, 2010 and for the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed July 22, 2010.

By this amendment, Applicant wishes to amend independent claim 1 to add additional clarity to the claim. The amendment to claim 1 is supported, at least, by paragraphs 0176 and 0179 of the specification. Claims 48 and 52 are amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 3-6, 8-9, 11-14, 16-20, 23-28, 31-37 and 40-42 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 7, 10, 15, 21, 22, 29, 30, 38, 39 and 43-53 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Additionally, submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement by the Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references cited therein by the Office.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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